THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No such permission has been given to any delegate/delegation from India to attend any conference organised by the LTTE abroad.

Militants strike at BSF HQs., Bandipore

5557. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the court of inquiry inquiring into the Kashmir militants strike at the BSF, HQs in Bandipore in July last year has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the final inquiry thirteen BSF officers and personnel were found guilty of security lapses and dereliction of duty and action against them is being taken as per rules. The CPMFs have been directed to step up the security of all the establishments of the forces and to sensitize their field formations to be in a state of total alert to meet any eventuality.

Low conviction in murder cases

5558. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experience has shown that the percentage of conviction in the solved murder cases in the city has been very low;

(b) if so, the number of murder cases solved in 1998 and 1999 and the cases in which the suspects were convicted;

(c) the major reasons identified for the low conviction in murder cases; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government for a more scientific method of investigation for maximum number of conviction in murder cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The question presumably relates to Delhi. According to information received from the Delhi Police, the number of murder cases worked out and suspects convicted during the years 1998 and 1999 was as under:—